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## BRIEFS

### Working After Hours

There is a Station policy concerning staff who work during non-standard hours (8AM-5PM). If you are working in a campus building with a non-business hour roster you need to sign in on that roster. If you are planning to work in the field or in a building without a non-business hour roster, call extension 2215 or stop by the Heating Plant to let them know where you will be and approximately how long you will be there. If you are working after 5PM for a short while it is not necessary to do this. This policy protects both you and the Experiment Station.

If your standard working hours are other than 8 AM to 5 PM please let the Heating Plant Manager know what these hours are so a record can be made of your work schedule. You will then need to notify Heating Plant Staff only when you are working beyond your normal work hours.

This policy is not intended to discourage working after hours, but to provide additional protection to the employee in case of an emergency at the work site.

*Station Safety Committee*

### Important Note on Microsoft Vista

You may receive an e-mail from Cornell Information Technologies suggesting you wait to upgrade to Microsoft Vista. It will probably be several weeks before the mailing goes out.

The following summarizes what the message is likely to contain.

There are several programs in use at Cornell that do not work as expected, or are unsupported by vendors. These include Bear Access, Brio, PeopleSoft, SAS, Thunderbird, Net-Print, and EZ-Backup. Vista uses Internet Explorer 7, a browser not yet compatible with many campus applications.

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## New Ag and Food Technology Park Executive Director Named

A regional economic development leader has been named the executive director of the Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park. Steven E. Isaacs will assume the position in early April.

“My primary responsibility as executive director is to bring the private sector, government and university researchers together for the economic benefit of all,” says Isaacs, a 1981 graduate of Cornell University. “The Park is attracting a range of organizations and businesses – from the USDA to start-ups – seeking the resources, knowledge and access to world-class research only found here. It’s an exciting time for Geneva and the region.”

Isaacs’ new role follows 10 years of experience as executive director at the Yates County Industrial Development Agency in Penn Yan, N.Y. There he managed the overall supervision, administration, and strategic planning for the agency. Isaacs believes he has a firm grasp of what businesses seek from a university-based research park.

“The Cornell Agriculture & Technology Park not only offers an entrée to Cornell and the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station,” says Isaacs, “but also to funding resources, infrastructure, regional government support and a base of knowledgeable workers on which to draw. This combination of elements – set in the attractive Finger Lakes region – is creating a buzz among food, agriculture and bio-based organizations.”

The Park’s board president, Robert C. Seem, believes Isaacs’ background makes him uniquely qualified to lead the Park.

“We are so pleased to have found someone with Steve’s experience in regional economic development, along with a strong understanding of Cornell University, food, agriculture, and biological science,” says Seem. “These attributes, coupled with Steve’s business acumen and team building skills, will enable the Park to continue its expansion and success.”

Isaacs received his B.S. in plant sciences in 1981, from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CAL S) at Cornell University, and a master’s degree in management from Keuka College in 2004.

To date the Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park has completed a \$10 million phase-one development program transforming a former research farm into a university-based research park complete with high-end commercial infrastructure and a 20,000 square-foot multi-tenant, business accelerator building. Commitments from two governmental agencies to construct major, anchor facilities at the Park will result in nearly \$70 million of construction over the next two years.



*S. Isaacs*



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If you need to order a PC now, you might want to consider ordering it with the Vista OS, and before using it have the Computer Center erase the hard drive and install Windows XP. Buying a license for Vista permits you to install Windows XP instead until 2010. Your computer will then work at Cornell in Windows XP, but you'll have a Vista license to upgrade later.

For Cornell Dell bundles, XP remains the default OS with Vista as an option. Cornell's Dell bundle committee is still researching licensing options for Vista.

Installing Vista on PCs you already own is not advised, as Vista requires more resources than Windows XP. For example, Vista works best with at least 4 Gigabytes of memory; few existing PCs can be upgraded with that much memory.

R. Pool

### Safety Orientation Checklist

EH&S and HR had several discussions regarding the importance of reviewing job duties on an annual basis for all Station employees. We want to make sure that all of our employees are properly informed and trained with health and safety regulations and requirements. By doing this we can prevent unnecessary exposure to hazardous operations and/or materials. The purpose of reviewing the "Safety Orientation Checklist" on an annual basis is as follows:

1. To make sure that all required health & safety training(s) are completed.
2. To review CU health & safety resources.
3. To review emergency response procedures.
4. To review emergency equipment location and availability for each work site.
5. To review the Experiment Station general health & safety procedures.
6. The opportunity to update your position analysis.

This process was discussed and approved by the Director, Research Chairs and Unit Leaders at the Research Chairs/Unit Leaders' meeting.

If there has been no change in job duties since the completion of the original *Safety Orientation Checklist*, please do

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## Celebrating 125 Years



Station employees, retirees and guests got together in Jordan Hall on Thursday, March 1 to celebrate the day 125 years ago that E. Lewis Sturtevant first opened this country's sixth operating agricultural experiment station. Former directors Jim Hunter (left), Don Barton (center) and current Station director Tom Burr are pictured here with birthday cake baked by retired plant pathology employee Don Crosier's daughter Chris Fitzgerald.

Just two of the many historical artifacts that were on display in the Jordan Hall lounge. On the left is a glass bell jar and on the right a texture meter. The exhibit was organized by the Lee Library staff.



Roger Cullen peruses a display case containing wax fruit and vegetables and two historical volumes - *Small Fruits of New York* and *Peas of New York*.



Peter Deth (left), pictured here with Phil Forsline, was one of the many retirees who were on hand to wish the Station a Happy 125th.



Some of the staff donned period dress for the party. (From left to right) Mary Jean Welser, Roger Cullen, Marla Moore, Marty Schlachach, and Holly King.



## Senator Schumer Visits Technology Farm, Announces Legislation to Promote Math and Science Education

United States Senator Charles Schumer paid a visit to the Cornell Agriculture and Food Technology Park on February 22 to announce his 'Math For America' program to recruit the best and brightest to become math and science teachers. "I can't think of a more appropriate place to make this important announcement than right here at the Ag Tech Park," Schumer said.



Senator Schumer

"Prospective teachers with strong math and science backgrounds, along with working teachers with solid expertise in their fields are often lured away from teaching for better paying jobs in the private sector." Schumer said. "This legislation would divert much needed resources to attract younger men and women to the teaching profession."

Teachers would need to pass National Academy of Science approved tests in both their area of expertise and their teaching ability. They could then receive federal stipends above and beyond their salaries amounting to \$11,000 for new teachers and \$20,000 for experienced teachers.

In addition to the financial incentives under Schumer's proposed Math-Science Teacher Corps (MSTC), current teachers will commit to teaching for five years and serve as leaders in their school, mentor new teachers and participate in professional development.

Schumer said that his federal legislation would complement his efforts to create a Math and Science Center of Excellence at Nazareth College that would foster math and science education at the local and state level.

Prior to the public presentation, Sen. Schumer met with Tom Burr, Steve Johnson, Phil Forsline, Chris Owens, Park Board Members and others to discuss the federal budget and USDA programs that have been stranded by the 2007 federal budget. Schumer expressed concern about the impact of the funding hiatus, and described the importance of earmarked funding for special programs like the Viticulture Consortium grant program and the Grape Genetic Research Center at the Park.

"We were very pleased that Sen. Schumer selected the Technology Farm as a location to announce his proposed legislation supporting math and science education in schools, said Bob Seem. "The opportunity not only allowed us to have a conversation with him regarding federal legislation that impacts the Technology Farm and the Station, but he also had the opportunity to see first hand the progress we have made in attracting new businesses to the Park."

Seem happened to overhear Schumer say to an assistant as he was leaving, "Goodness, there are a lot of businesses here."

J. Ogrodnick

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the following:

Write "No Change" on the top of the first page. Fill out the employee information on the first page. Review above items 2 thru 5.

Sign the acknowledgement.

Please take 10 minutes of your time to complete the "Safety Orientation Checklist" and return to Pat Madalena at G-18 Food Science Research Lab.

If you have any questions, please contact me at x2350 or ssk19.

Thank you for your cooperation.

S. Kong

### Deadline for Questionnaire and Checklist Documents

This notice pertains to those of you who have received the Driving History Questionnaire and the Safety Orientation Checklist. These documents must be completed on an annual basis and both documents must be filled out and returned by March 15, 2007. Please return the Driving History Questionnaire to Cherie Martin in Jordan Hall, and the Safety Orientation Checklist to Pat Madalena in G-18 Food Science. Thank you for your cooperation.

C. Martin

### Keeping Your Copyright As An Author

A special seminar will be presented by Peter Hirtle, Intellectual Property Officer, Cornell University Library on Tuesday, March 6, in the Jordan Hall Staff Room at 1:15 PM.

Refreshments will be served.

Much has recently been made about securing permission from other copyright holders, but what are your rights as an author? Peter Hirtle, Intellectual Property Officer at Cornell University Library, will explain how you as authors can make sure that you have the right to repost your published work on the web, use it in your classes or give other colleagues permission to use it. He will also speak about how to successfully negotiate for better and broader control of your own publications.

*My experience has taught me  
that a man who has no vices  
has damned few virtues.*

Abe Lincoln



**CALENDAR of EVENTS**  
MARCH 2 - 16, 2007

**MEETINGS**

**CHAIRS MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2007  
**Time:** 8:30 AM  
**Place:** Director's Office

**CHAIRS & DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2007  
**Time:** 3 PM  
**Place:** 348 Morrison, Ithaca

**CALS FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 7, 2007  
**Time:** 4 PM  
**Place:** A/V Linkage, A134 Barton Lab

**ASC**

Cornell University policy states that adequate insurance coverage must be in place prior to a vendor coming on-campus for service work. Examples include; repair & maintenance of lab/field equipment and services for facilities & grounds.

Please contact the Transaction Team to initiate the process. The vendor will be contacted, insurance will be verified and a purchase order will be sent. Be sure to plan ahead as this process could take 7-10 days.

Use of your Cornell University procurement card is not an acceptable payment method for this type of purchase.

**SEMINARS**

**FOOD SCIENCE**

**Edith Lurvey**

IR-4 Region Field Coordinator,  
IR-4 Program  
Cornell University - NYSAES

**"IR-4, the Field Program"**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 7, 2007  
**Time:** 11 AM  
**Place:** Food Science & Technology Conference Room Room 251

**SEMINARS**

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**HORT SCIENCE**

**Michelle Oakes**

Graduate Student

Cornell University, NYSAES

**"Effects of Canopy Management and Crop Level on Cabernet Franc Fruit Composition: Evaluation of Various Measures of Vine Balance"**

**Date:** Monday, March 5, 2007

**Time:** 11:15 AM - 12 PM

**Place:** A134 Barton Lab

Seminar is being presented in Ithaca and viewed in Geneva via polycom

**Monica Raveret Richter**

Associate Professor of Biology,

Skidmore College

**"Enology of Food"**

**Date:** Monday, March 12, 2007

**Time:** 11:15 AM - 12 PM

**Place:** A134 Barton Lab

Seminar is being presented in Ithaca and viewed in Geneva via polycom

**ENTOMOLOGY**

**Dr. Charles Linn**

Senior Research Associate

Cornell University, NYSAES

**"Silent Genes and Rare Males: A fresh look at sex pheromone response specificity"**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2007

**Time:** 10:30 AM - 12 PM

**Place:** 310 Barton Lab

Refreshments with the speaker at 10:15AM

**Jeff Bloomquist**

Virginia Tech.

**"Bivalent anticholinesterases: new chemistry for old target"**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 13, 2007

**Time:** 10:30 AM - 12 PM

**Place:** 310 Barton Lab

Refreshments with the speaker at 10:15AM

**PLANT PATHOLOGY**

**Nicole Werner**

Cornell University, NYSAES

**"Exploring alternatives to antibiotics: Kinder, gentler fire blight management"**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2007

**Time:** 3:30 PM

**Place:** A134 Barton Lab

Refreshments at 3PM

**Lance Cadle-Davidson**

Grape Genetics Unit, USDA/ARS, Geneva

**"Approaches to disease resistance in grapevine (*Vitis*)"**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 13, 2007

**Time:** 3:30 PM

**Place:** A134 Barton Lab

Refreshments at 3PM

**FUSION EVENTS**

**TECHNOLOGY, FOOD, & AGRICULTURAL CAREER DAY**

**Date:** Thursday, March 22, 2007

**Place:** Jordan Hall Auditorium

**BOCES'S EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT DAY: SEMINAR SERIES AT NYSAES**

**Date:** Friday, March 30, 2007

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

**TIME CHANGE**

Beginning on March 1, 2007, the Thursday class will meet from 4 PM to 7 PM.

Classes are absolutely free and include conversational English, writing skills and real-life communications.

**Instructor:** Mary Spittler

**When:** Classes will begin on Tuesday, February 20 and meet every Tuesday afternoon from 5 PM to 8 PM, and every Thursday afternoon from 4 PM to 7PM.

**Where:** The classes will be held in the Lunch Room in the Food Science and Technology Building.

New students are welcome to join at any time. Just show up for any session. Classes are flexible so that students may attend either or both sessions per week.

**GardenScape 2007**

March 15-18

**Monroe County Fair & Expo Center 2695 E. Henrietta Rd., Rochester**

**Hours: March 15-17, 9 AM-9 PM  
March 18, 9 AM-5 PM**

Tickets: Advanced Sale - \$10.

At the Door: \$12.

Children 15 and Under FREE with parents  
Seniors \$10 on Senior Day,  
Thursday, March 15

For further information on this event,  
please go to:

[www.rochesterflowershow.com](http://www.rochesterflowershow.com)

Tickets are available by contacting Amy Andersen, Room A104, Department of Plant Pathology, Barton Lab.  
(ada10@cornell.edu or Ext. 2331)

**Please have exact amount or make your check payable to "Station Club" Advanced Sale Tickets are available now through March 14 ONLY.**